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in the growth of the city by the placement of these various buildings. What could be more appropriate then to take a branch of the University and drop it in the middle of downtown Omaha, which the merchants, planners and city fathers calculatedly killed. So they took a project which may or may not have had legitimacy, a state office building, and attached a part of the University to it. Now they came to Lincoln with certain private interests who are going to offer large sums of money to get the Governor and others to agree that this project could be altered from a state office building into a hybrid which is illegitimate and improper. They say that this entire proposal is designed to be a state office educational complex. All it's really doing as far as education is concerned is instructing the legislators on the power of special interest groups in Omaha. With the expenditure of money envisioned by this bill, other matters are going to be vetoed by the Governor and not overridden by this Legislature. This provision of attaching a UNO branch to the state office building is not going to improve education in Omaha, it certainly is not going to strengthen the higher education system. It's going to create a further drain on the money for public education by offering another entity that has to be supported from now on. Pretty soon they're going to talk about the difficulty of obtaining adequate staffing. Since you put this building down there to serve the businesses there is a greater demand, as far as qualification is concerned, on the instructor at this facility then there would be at UNO which is known at West Dodge High. You're only educating peoples children out there. You're educating the employees of the magnates of Omaha industry downtown so you've got to syphon off the best instructors and send them downtown. You are going to pay, from now on, for the upkeep of this additional quasi educational entity. But as far as the powers at being Omaha are concerned you need not fill one of these classrooms, you need not put an instructor down there because enough money will have been sunk in downtown Omaha by the state that it's like putting the ring in the bulls nose. The Legislature is the bull, the ring is in your nose and they can lead you wherever they want to lead you to keep those dollars following this bad expenditure of money. One of the first rules of economics is you don't send good money after bad. If downtown Omaha is folded already under the benevolent tutelage of the financial magnates in Omaha, you're now going to let them plunder the state treasury also? There has not been given any educational justification for this project. I think it is a gross mistake in spite of the trades that have occurred. I've heard people running around and talking about you made a mistake ... you didn't vote this way, they're not going to vote this way on this one. So education is not the factor involved at all.

One other thing I want to bring to your attention. The students at UNO are more concerned about that health and physical education structure then they are this downtown facility. Despite the fact that those who attend the University would rather see a strengthening of the curriculum and the instructional staff at the present University, the powers that be which are not interested in education have syphoned the money away from the main campus and want to drop it in downtown Omaha. I think that is totally wrong. Since Senator Barnett offered the opportunity to separate the two items and allow you to vote on one which may be